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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: FILTERING SYSTEM FOR RUNOFF WATER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1 to 15 incl., 18, 19 and 20.

Add the following claims:

21. A filtering system comprising:

an inlet $f^{\lambda_{\Gamma}}$ receiving liquid to be filtered,

a reservoir ted by said inlet,

an outlet for receiving fluid that overflows said reservoir, a plurality of adjacent filter cells fed by said reservoir,

each filter cell having:

(a) at least first and second layers of filtering material,

(b) one of which lakers receives water from said reservoir, and allows said water to pass to the other layer,

(c) the other of said layers having two horizontal sides one of which sides is adjacent said $\ensuremath{\delta_{\text{NP}}}$ ene layer, and

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